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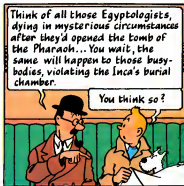
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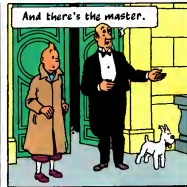
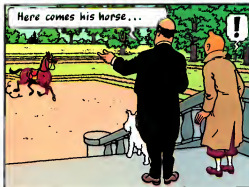
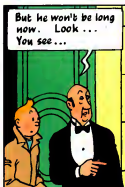
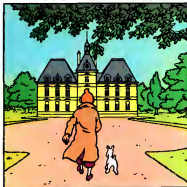


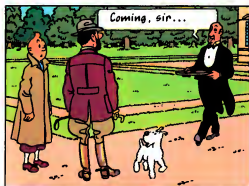
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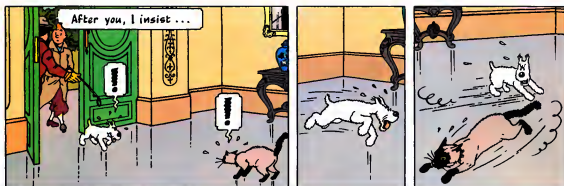
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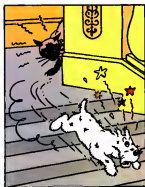




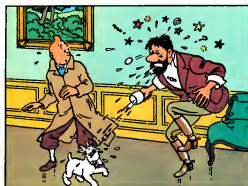


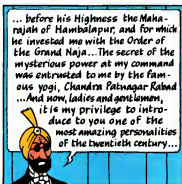
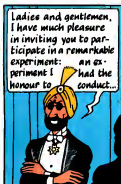


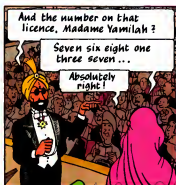
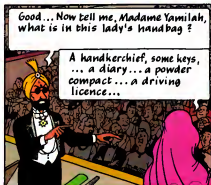
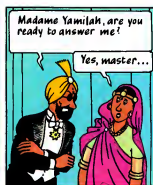
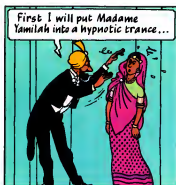


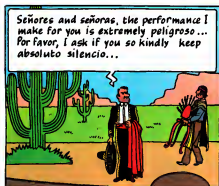
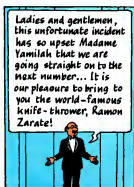
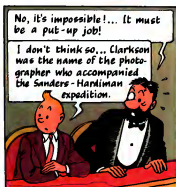
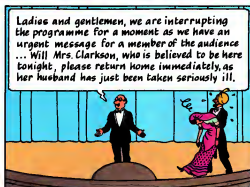
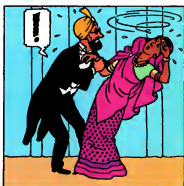
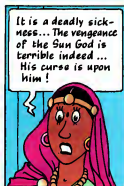


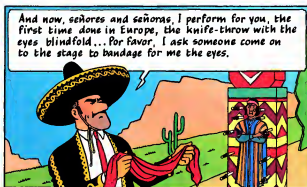
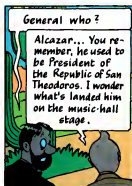




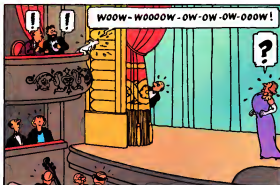
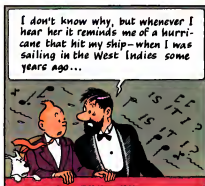
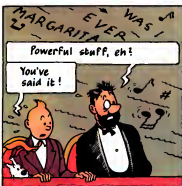




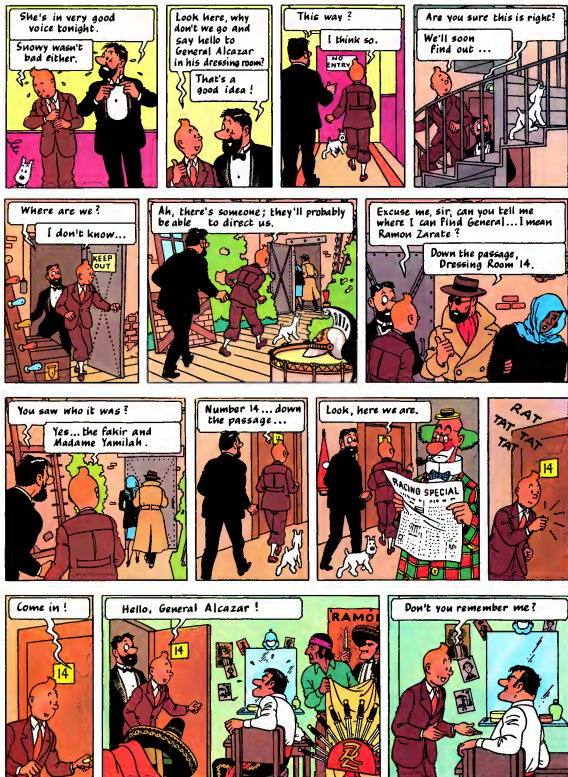


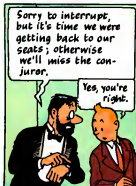
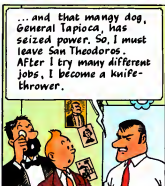
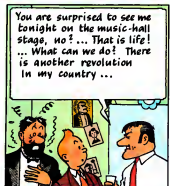


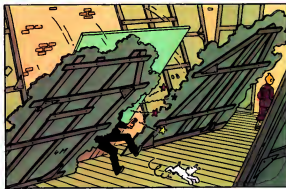


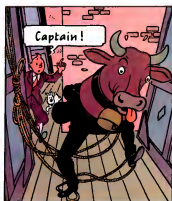
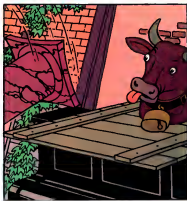


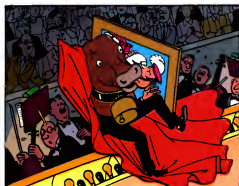
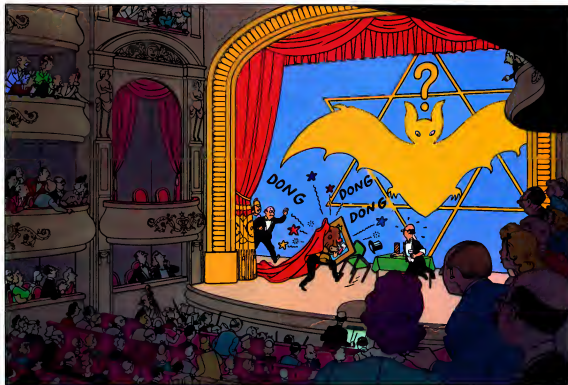








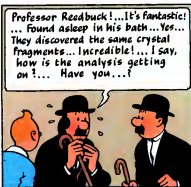
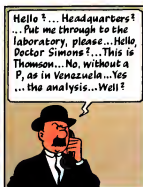


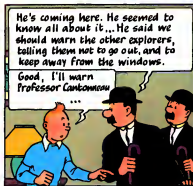
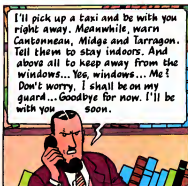
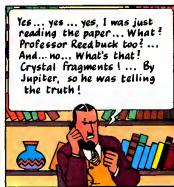


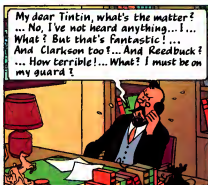
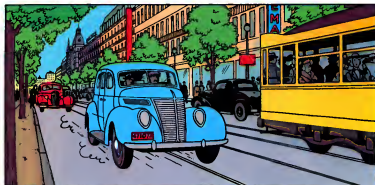


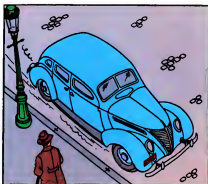






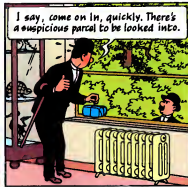
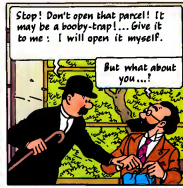
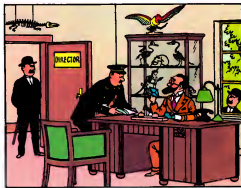




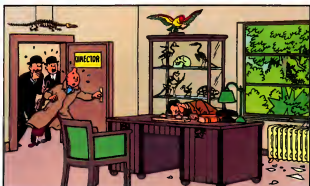


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The Plot Thickens. Mark Fallo... collapses in...  
**MYSTERY OF THE CRYSTAL BALLS**  
The Police are new victims. The Police are... enquires into the... the attack on members... expedition... used to this... ex-...  
**AN INCA TUT-ANKH-AMEN!**  
Professor Cantonneau, Mr. Mark Fal...  
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**ARE THERE SEVEN CRYSTAL BALLS?**

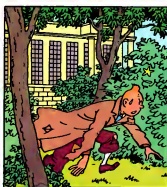
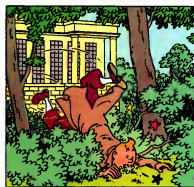
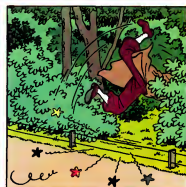
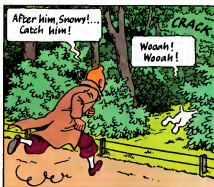
... of the seven explorers who took part in the expedition, only Doctor Midge and Professor Iarragon have escaped the fate of their colleagues. A day-and-night police watch is being kept on their homes, and on the office of Dr. Midge, Director of the Darwin Museum ...

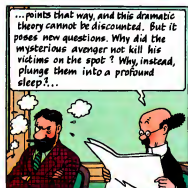
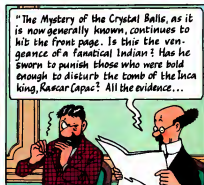
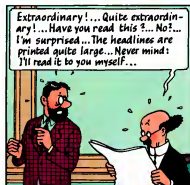
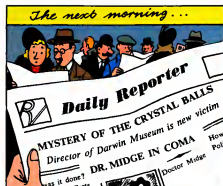


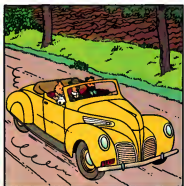
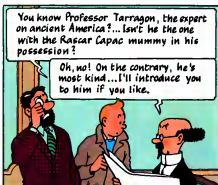
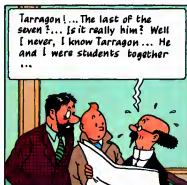
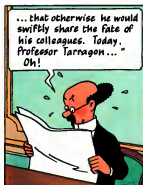
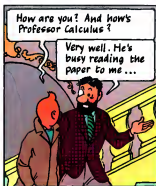






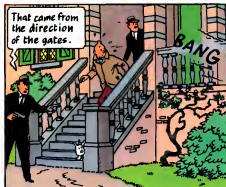
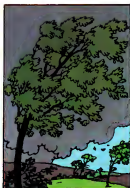
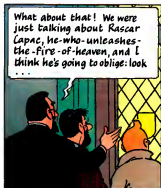


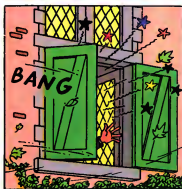
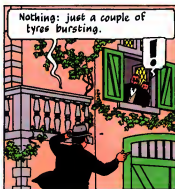




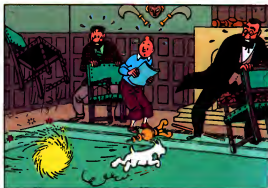
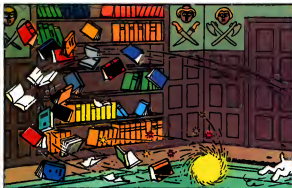
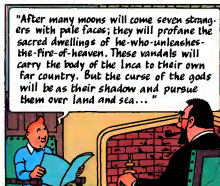
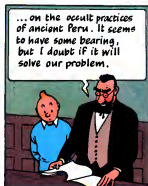


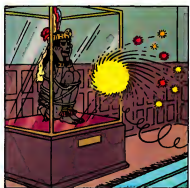
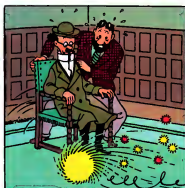
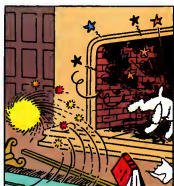
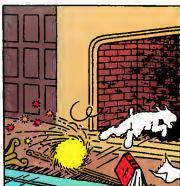


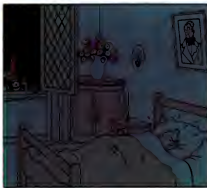
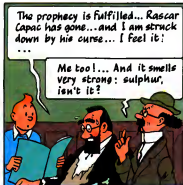


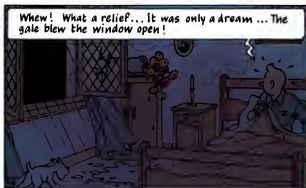


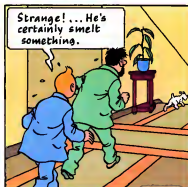
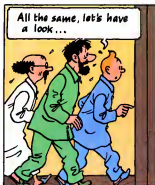






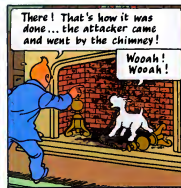


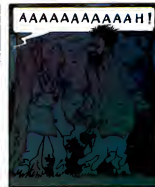


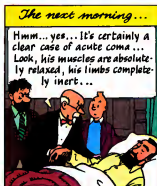






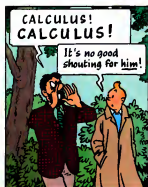
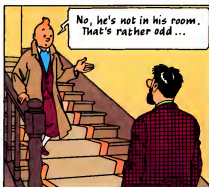
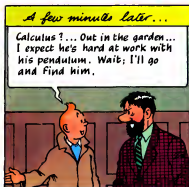




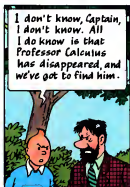
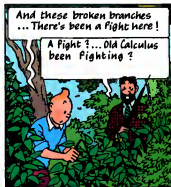


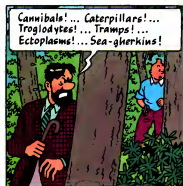




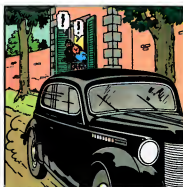
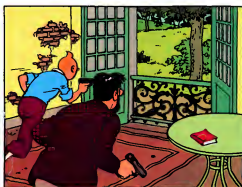




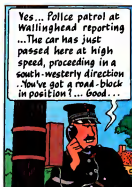
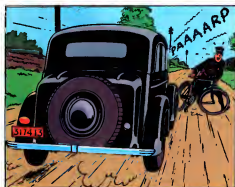
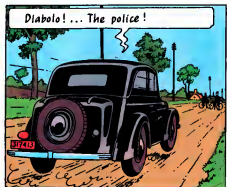
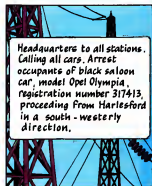


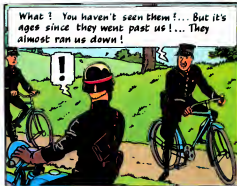
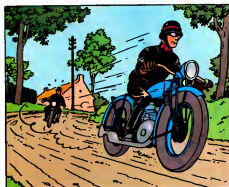
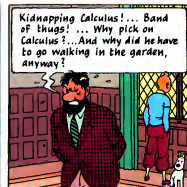
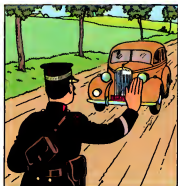


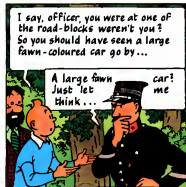
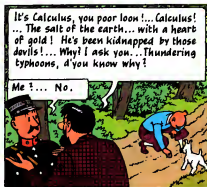
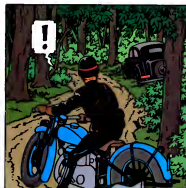












Good heavens, you're right! A fawn car did pass us... A saloon... I stopped it myself.

You didn't think of taking the number?



No... why should I?... But wait a bit... The driver looked like a foreigner: Spanish, or South American, or something like that... Fattish, sun-tanned, black moustache and side-boards, horn-rimmed glasses...

And the others?... There were some others, I suppose?



Yes, there was someone sitting beside him... Another foreigner, I'd say: dark hair, bony face, hooked nose, thin lips... I think there were two other men in the back, but I only caught a glimpse of them.



Good!... Well, you can call off the beaters... It's a waste of time. The kidnappers are far away.

Oh, yes? How do you know that?



How do I know?... Look at these tracks... Here are the tyre-marks of the Opel. But here are some others, different tyres, Dunlop I'd say: the tyres of the car that was waiting for the Opel.



Blistering barnacles, you're right! But how did you guess that it was fawn-coloured?

Look here...



Specks of fawn paint... The lane is narrow. In turning, one of the wings of the car scraped against this tree, leaving traces of paint.



The crooks! So they switched cars!

Come on, we must pass all this on to the police at once. Perhaps they'll be able to catch them further on...



The next morning...

Let's see... Ah, here...



"The car used by the kidnappers is a large fawn saloon..." Good... "The occupants are believed to be of South American origin..." That's right... "Anyone who can give any information is asked to get in touch with the nearest police station immediately."



Oh well, there's still some hope left...



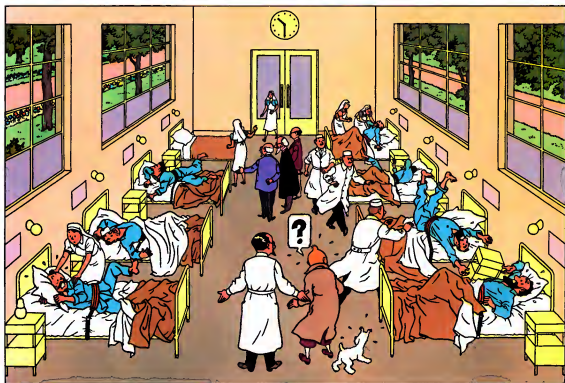
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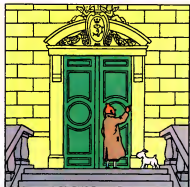
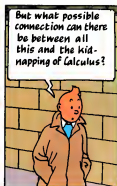
Hello, this is Thomson... Yes, without a P... I say, there's something very queer going on at the hospital where the seven explorers are detained... I think you'd better slip round there...

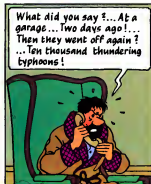


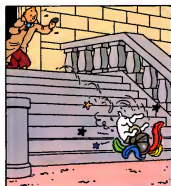


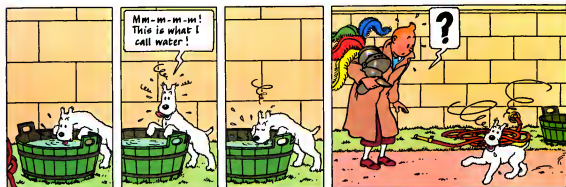
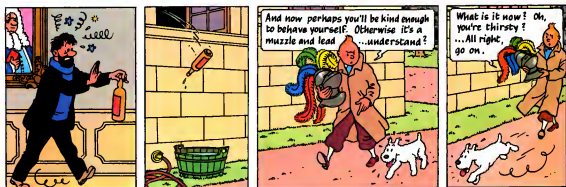


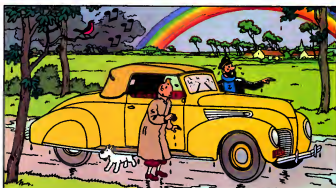
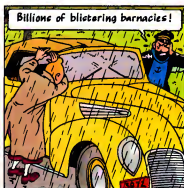
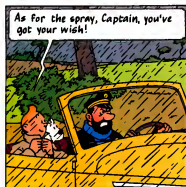
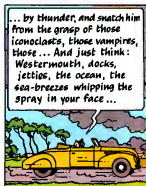
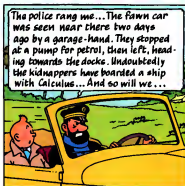




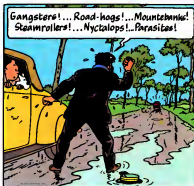
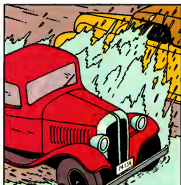






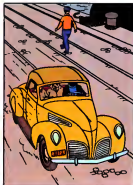






Well, gentlemen, you're in luck! The fawn car has just been recovered from one of the docks. If you'd like to come with me, we'll go and have a look.

Thanks very much!



It was a trawler, coming in. She struck an obstacle, so we dragged the dock... And there you are.

Is there any means of identification? ...  
Number plate? ... Licence?  
... Engine number?



Nothing at all, sir. There are no number plates, and the engine and chassis numbers have been filed off. It's a mass-produced car, so there isn't much chance of ever finding out...

Yes, I see...



Anyway, we can be certain of one thing: whoever kidnapped Professor Calculus embarked here, having first tried to get rid of the car by dumping it in the dock.

Yes... yes... perhaps...



We must act at once: we'll radio a description of your friend to all the ships that have sailed from Westermouth since the twelfth... Then we'll see what happens.

Thanks, Inspector—and you'll let us know how things are going?



All things considered, we're not much further on.

I know.



Hello, she's leaving for South America...and the kidnappers could be aboard...with poor calculus!



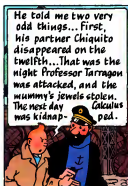
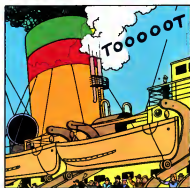
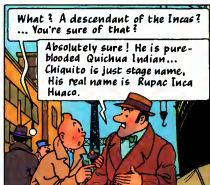
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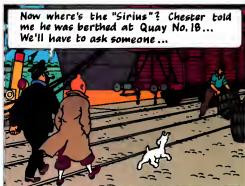
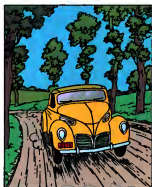
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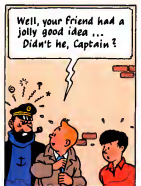
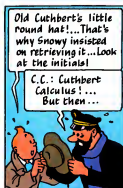


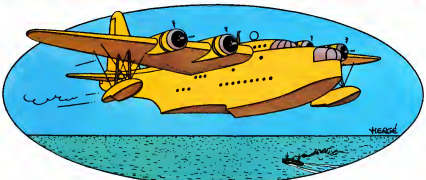
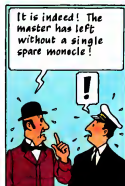












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